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TEN CENTS A WEEK

HAYWOOD FREE MAN

The Accused Union Labor Chief Has Been Acquitted.

VERDICT WAS NO SURPRISE

After Judge Wood's Charge to the Jury, Which Was Strongly Favoring the Defense, It Was Generally Believed Haywood Would Be Cleared.

Boise, Idaho, July 30.—In the bright sunlight of a beautiful Sabbath morning, William D. Haywood, secretary and treasurer of the Western Federation of Miners, walked a free man Sunday, acquitted of the murder of former Governor Frank Steunenberg.

Probability of acquittal was freely predicted after Judge Fremont Wood read his charge, which was regarded as strongly favoring the defense in its interpretation of the laws of conspiracy, circumstantial evidence, and the corroboration of a confessed accomplice.

Moyer and Pettibone To Be Tried. It was also freely predicted that, in the event of Haywood's acquittal, the state would abandon the prosecution of his associates, Charles N. Moyer, president of the federation, and George A. Pettibone, of Denver.



WILLIAM D. HAYWOOD.

Statements from counsel and from Governor Gooding, dispel this view of the situation. Governor Gooding said:

"The verdict is a great surprise to me, and I believe, to all citizens of Idaho, who have heard or read the evidence in the case. I have done my duty. I have no regret as to any action I have taken, and my conscience is clear. As long as God gives me strength, I shall continue my efforts for government by law and for organizing society."

"The state will continue a vigorous prosecution of Moyer and Pettibone, and Adams and of Simpkins when apprehended. There will be neither hesitation nor retreat."

The verdict came as an electric thrill to the prisoner, to his counsel, to the attorneys for the state, and the small group of newspaper reporters and court officers, who had been summoned from beds, but lately sought, or from offices where sleepless waiting had marked the night.

Tears welled to the eyes of the man, who, during the 80 days of his trial, has sat with stolid indifference written on his every feature. At last, the icy armor that he had thrown about himself with the first of July selection had been pierced.

Haywood's attorneys were fairly lifted from their seats, and Judge Wood made no effort to restrain them as they surrounded him to shake his hands and shout aloud their congratulations.

Orchard Says He Has Done His Duty. Not the least interesting of the comments made was that of Harry Orchard, the confessed murderer of Steunenberg, and the witness on whom the state chiefly relied to prove its charge of a conspiracy among certain members of the Western Federation of Miners. When told at the

trial that Haywood had been acquitted, Orchard said: "I have done my duty. I could do no more."

MINERS REJOICE.

Big Demonstration Over Acquittal of Haywood.

Butte, Mont., July 30.—Seven thousand strikers and other union workers of Butte, paraded the streets in this city Sunday evening as an expression of their gratification at the acquittal of William D. Haywood.

Preceded by pictures of Haywood, banners on which were inscribed the sentiment of the marching thousands, and by big American flags and with a band playing stirring music, the procession started, four abreast, from in front of the Miners' union hall and traversed all the principal thoroughfares of the city.

Occupying a position of honor between two American flags, at the head of the procession, was a big silk banner of the union, bearing its motto, "Charity toward all; malice toward none."

The line of march was thronged by thousands of men, women and children, and as the parade progressed, hundreds of men on the sidewalk stepped into the ranks and marched along. It was one of the largest parades ever held in Butte.

Returning to the Miners' union hall speeches were made from open windows by labor leaders and by President Duffy of the Miners' union.

Bryan on Verdict.

Chicago, July 30.—In a special to the Tribune from Peoria, Ill., W. J. Bryan is quoted on the verdict at Boise, Idaho, as follows:

"I am glad to learn of the verdict and that it was not guilty. I watched the trial, and did not see how anyone could be found guilty on Orchard's testimony. Every crime he charged was one he himself suggested, and it was shown he was in communication with the Miner Owners and attempting to induce the defendants to engage in crime."

"The manner in which the prisoners were taken from Colorado, was hardly in keeping with a fair trial."

CONDITION OF COTTON.

President Harvie Jordan Says Crop Is Improving.

Atlanta, Ga., July 30.—On the eve of his departure to South Carolina, where at the first of the week he began a tour of the cotton belt in the interest of the Southern Cotton association, President Harvie Jordan, of that organization, said that the condition of the cotton crop had improved considerably in the past thirty days. He said, however, that August would be a critical month, and that much depended on climatic conditions then, and in September, and on late frosts.

At present, he said, the crop is from two to four weeks late, and would go into August with little matured fruit. He added that in talks he had had with mill men and farmers, they had expressed the opinion that the price this season would be higher than in 1906.

Mr. Jordan said that he would urge farmers to move their crop as slowly as possible, and he would also request bankers to give the farmers all the assistance in their power toward this end.

Speaking of the fact that high prices for cotton were inevitable, Mr. Jordan declared that in England alone the increase in spindles had been greater than the entire spindle capacity of the south, and that consumption now requires more than a million bales of American cotton monthly. Mr. Jordan referred to the using of cotton baling.

Military Escort at Funeral.

Montgomery, Ala., July 30.—The Second regiment, under command of Colonel C. R. Brecken, a battery of artillery and a troop of cavalry, all commanded by Adjutant General and Chief of Staff Hub Graves, will be the military escort at the funeral of United States Senator Pettus at Selma, Ala., Wednesday. The orders were issued by Governor Comer Sunday night, and the troops are assembled at Selma.

20 PERSONS PERISH

Holocaust in a New York City Tenement House.

FIRE SPREAD VERY RAPIDLY

Majority of the Victims Were Women and Children, Mostly Italians—Police and Firemen Did Heroic Work and Saved Many Lives.

New York, July 30.—After an all-night search of the ruins of the six-story tenement at No. 222 Christie street, which was burned shortly after midnight Monday, the police announced that there were twenty victims of the fire.

The bodies of the dead were found in all sorts of unexpected places to which they had fled when the fire broke out. Almost all of the bodies were burned beyond recognition. A majority of the victims, the police believe, were women and children. Almost all of the bodies were burned to such an extent that it was impossible to distinguish the sex.

Only five of the victims had been identified up to an early hour Monday. They were:

Marlene De Bole, his wife Amelia and their two infant children.

Frank S. Lick, aged fifteen, employed, who was carried out alive by the firemen, but succumbed to his injuries soon after his rescue.

The burned building was one of those old-fashioned tenements found on the East Side with a store on the ground floor and apartments upstairs, crowded with tenants, mainly Italians.

The fire started in the store and swept through the building with such rapidity that a fifth of the hundred tenants in the place met a horrible death. Another score, though they escaped with their lives, were more or less burned or otherwise injured.

Brave work by the police and firemen saved many lives, one fireman alone rescuing five persons.

It is thought the fire was caused by an explosion, a citizen reporting that he heard a loud report and saw the store windows crack and fall to pieces. If this is true, it is possible that the great loss of life is due to a black hand outrage.

FATAL FIRE AT MEMPHIS.

Seven Buildings Are Destroyed with a Loss of \$600,000.

Memphis, Tenn., July 30.—One fireman was killed and two others seriously injured in an early morning fire here Monday, originating on the eleventh floor of the Memphis Storage company's building, which was in the course of erection.

The fire was gotten under control shortly before 5 o'clock Monday morning. The dead:

Joseph Hosker, fireman; killed by falling from a ladder and striking on his head.

The injured: Lieutenant John Curry, company No. 1, injured by falling walls; serious.

Pipeman William Kelley, company No. 9, seriously injured by falling walls.

Before the fire was gotten under control many buildings were destroyed. The total loss will approximate about \$600,000, with an insurance of probably one-half or three-fourths of that amount.

TRAGEDY IN ALABAMA.

For Pulling Her Hair, Wife Said To Have Killed Husband.

Brewton, Ala., July 30.—News of the killing of Joseph H. Givens at Bradley, twenty-five miles east of Brewton, was received here Saturday afternoon.

Givens is reported to have mistreated his wife by pulling her hair while intoxicated, and she procured a shotgun and emptied the load into his breast.

Givens was a prominent turpentine operator and was well known throughout this section.

SEN. PETTUS DEAD.

Alabama Statesman Succumbed to an Apoplectic Stroke.

Asheville, N. C., July 30.—United States Senator Pettus, of Alabama, died Sunday night at Hot Springs, in the state of North Carolina, from the effects of a stroke of apoplexy, with which he was seized while at the breakfast table Saturday morning, and he never regained consciousness.

Senator Pettus' daughter and his grandson, E. W. Pettus, Jr., reached Hot Springs an hour before the senator's death, but he did not regain consciousness and did not recognize them. The attending physicians say that from the time of the apoplectic stroke Senator Pettus suffered no pain, and that he passed away quietly.

Senator Pettus celebrated his 80th birthday at Hot Springs last week, and on that occasion his unusual vigor was a subject of comment.

The death of Senator Pettus follows closely the passing of his colleague from Alabama, Senator Morgan. Both were notable types of the old school southern statesman; much alike in temperament, appearance, age and political convictions. Mr. Pettus came from revolutionary stock and during the civil war he rose to the rank of lieutenant general in the confederate army. He entered the senate ten years ago and while not among the brilliant orators of that body, he was notable for his conscientious attention to the details of public business.

MOST INTENSE HEAT.

Thermometer Reached 117 at McGregor, Tex., Sunday.

Houston, Tex., July 30.—A dispatch from McGregor, in Limestone county, says:

The most terrific heat visitation ever known, occurred there Sunday, when lasted about an hour and twenty minutes. The thermometer registered a hundred and seventy-nine in the sun and 117 in the shade.

An area of 3 miles wide was affected. The visitation was accompanied by a peculiar haze hanging like a veil in the sky, which moved over the area affected. Scores of people were overcome. Horses, cattle, hogs and poultry dropped dead.

One ranchman is reported as losing thirty-five head of cattle during the intense heat period.

The phenomenon has not been explained.

UNDER ARREST FORTY YEARS.

Rather Strange Case of General Pickett, Civil War Veteran.

Worcester, Mass., July 30.—General Josiah Pickett, 85 years old, and a veteran of the civil war is said to be dying here, technically a military prisoner.

General Pickett has been under arrest, it is said, ever since the battle of Cold Harbor, and has declared that he will die under arrest. Pickett was colonel of the Twenty-fifth Massachusetts during the fighting at Cold Harbor, and in a fit of anger, under the heat of the fight, replied roughly to General Stannard, his superior.

The latter promptly placed him under arrest. Later Pickett was commended by General Stannard in the Cold Harbor battle, but the record of arrest was never changed, and General Pickett has been officially under arrest for over forty years.

His Fate Was Heralded.

Knoxville, Tenn., July 30.—Rev. W. F. Smith, a Presbyterian minister of this county, was stricken with apoplexy in the pulpit of the Presbyterian church in Madisonville. He was dwelling on the uncertainty of life in his sermon and had just uttered these words: "It may be the last time I will ever speak to you," when he began to totter. Friends rushed to the pulpit and caught him. He died Sunday night. Rev. Smith was 65 years of age and a past grand master of the Masonic grand lodge in Tennessee.

Another Baby Stabbed.

Berlin, July 30.—Another girl baby, it is reported, was stabbed here on Monday. The outrage occurred in the Sinoschauer Alley, a crowded working people's district.

THEY FLED IN PANIC

Narrow Escapes of Guests From Big Hotel.

LOST ALL THEIR EFFECTS

One of the Largest Seashore Hotels on the Atlantic Coast, Located at Long Beach, L. I., Burned to the Sands.

Long Beach, L. I., July 30.—Eight hundred guests of the celebrated Long Beach hotel, one of the largest seashore hotels on the Atlantic coast, had to flee for their lives early when the hotel was burned to the sands. There was no loss of life, and so far as can be learned, no one was injured.

The guests lost almost all their clothing and personal effects.

The fire was discovered on the first floor shortly after 5 o'clock.

Hall boys and clerks hurried through the smoky corridors and aroused the sleeping guests. The flames spread so rapidly in the great wooden structure that the guests had barely time to seize some scant clothing and escape. They fled to the beach and were taken care of by the cottages.

The hotel burned like tinder and within a short time was a smoldering mass.

It was three stories high, and nearly 500 feet in length, and when filled to its capacity, housed 1,100 persons. The loss is estimated at \$200,000.

SECRET OF SUCCESS.

John D. Rockefeller Talks to Sunday School Children.

Cleveland, O., July 30.—John D. Rockefeller told members of the Sunday school of the Euclid avenue Baptist church Sunday that the secret of success is "To get away from the butterfly pursuits of life and devote yourself to doing good to those around you."

It was his first address to the Sunday school in nearly a year, although he attended church on the last three Sundays.

"How long do you think it has been since I joined Sunday school?" Rockefeller asked a little boy in a back seat.

"Fifty-three years," responded the lad, evidently well informed as to his questioner's life.

"It will be fifty-four years next September since I came into Sunday school," said Rockefeller. "I was fourteen years of age and I consider that event the most important of my life. An old lady came to me one day and asked if I belonged to Sunday school. I told her I belonged to the Baptist Sunday school and she said she was a Presbyterian and did not have much use for the Baptists, but she told me to stick to it, and I have always done so."

May Renew Hostilities.

San Francisco, July 30.—A renewal of hostilities is threatened between the telegraphers and their employees. The local union served notice Sunday on the Western Union that in its belief the spirit of the agreement which settled the strike was not being observed by the corporation. Resolutions were passed expressing the intention of the union to take the matter up with the higher officials of the Western Union. It is claimed by the men that despite stipulations to the contrary, in the agreement, the operators who went on a strike are being discriminated against.

Mangum's Body Found.

Tallahassee, Fla., July 30.—On Sunday morning the body of T. B. Mangum was found about 400 yards below where he had gone in bathing by W. W. Askew, who had been working almost continually from the time of the accident to recover the body. The corpse was sent from here to Cornelia, Ga., where it was met by the family from Athens, and representatives of the Shriner, the Masons, Odd Fellows and Knights of Pythias. The body was taken to Newell, N. C., for burial.